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SUBJECT: UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

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1.UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE NINE EC COUNTRIES IN FEBRUARR
TOTALLED 5,772,000 PERSONS (SSEASONALLY UNADJUSTED) -- A
DROP OF 100,000 FROM A MONTH EARLIER BUT AN INCREASE OF
200,000 FROM FEBRUARY 1976. THE INFORMATION COMES FROM THE EC
COMMISSION'S MONTHLY REPORT ON REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT,JUST ISSUED.

2.THE INCREASE IN THE TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES OVER
THE PAST YEAR IS ACCOUNTED FOR BY HIGHER JOBLESSNESS AMONG
WOMEN.THERE WERE A QUARTER MILLION MORE UNEMPLOYED
WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY IN FEBRUARY 1977 THAN IN FEBRUARY
1976.BREAKOUTS BY SEX FOR THE GLOBAL FIGURES ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED

(000S OMITTED)

	FEB. 1977	FEB. 1976
MALE	3,514	3,578

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FEMALE	2,258	2,008
TOTAL	5,772	5,586

3.THE REPORT ESTIMATES THE COMMUNITY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR
FEBRUARY 1977 AT 5.5 PERCENT,COMPARED TO 5.6 PER CENT A MONTH
EARLIER AND 5.3 PER CENT A YEAR EARLIER.NO BREAKOUT IN THE UNEMPLOY-
MENT RATE BY SEX IS PROVIDED.

4. THE REPORT INCLUDES REVISED DATE ON TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE YEAR 1976 - THE AVERAGEM MONTHLY FIGURE FOR 1976 WAS 5,247,000, OR 5 PER CENT OF THE CIVILIAN WORKING POPULATON (COMPARED TO AN UNAMPLOYMENT RATE OF 4.4 PER CENT IN 1975 AND 2.9 PER CENT IN 1974).

5. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR FEBRUARY 1977 AND 1976 BY COUNTRY ARE PROVIDED BELOW:

	FEB. 1977	FEB 1976
BELGIUM	7.3 PER CENT	6.3 PER CENT
DENMARK	6.6	5.6.
FRANCE	4.9	4.5
GERMANY	4.7	5.2
HOLLAND	4.6	5.6
IRELAND	10.3	10.2
ITALY	6.7	6.3
LUXEMBOURG	0.5	0.3
UNITED KINGDOM	5.6	5.1
EUR-9	5.5	5.3
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